

Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition (HOST)

Outreach-based treatment services for individuals with disordered substance use

Overview

The Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition (HOST) program provides outreach-based treatment services to individuals with serious behavioral health challenges including substance use disorder (SUD). Multidisciplinary teams can provide SUD, medical, rehabilitative, and peer services in the field to individuals who lack consistent access to these vital services.

HOST eligibility means that an individual has a behavioral health challenge, which can include SUD with or without co-occurring mental illness, that is untreated, under-treated or undiagnosed, and is experiencing literal or chronic homelessness. HOST-eligible individuals will also be experiencing behavioral health symptoms that create a barrier to accessing and receiving conventional behavioral health services and outreach models.

Authority

The HOST program is administered by Recovery Support Services, a section of the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), within the Healthcare Authority. The HOST Program was authorized by ESB 5476 in 2021.

Budget and funding

HOST is funded by State of Washington general funds.

SFY22 - \$5,000,000

SFY23 - \$7,500,000

Key partners

In SFY22, the HCA's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) will contract four Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations covering five regional service areas.

- King County

- Southwest Washington
- North Sound
- Pierce
- Thurston Mason

The BHASOs subcontract HOST services to licensed community behavioral health agencies. DBHR also contracts with the Downtown Emergency Services Center to provide technical assistance to HOST providers.

Oversight

DBHR administers the HOST program statewide and provides oversight to the agencies under direct contract. The BHASOs provide local oversight and sub-contract with local, state licensed private, non-profit mental health agencies to provide services directly.

For more information

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